

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims herein:

94. (canceled)

95. (currently amended) The composition of claim 94 122, the thermoplastic resin being selected from a group consisting of polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyethylene terephthalate, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polymethyl methacrylate, polyamide or polycarbonate.

96-101. (cancelled)

102. (currently amended) A composition comprising
a thermoplastic resin; and
a predominately vitreous, naturally occurring formulation:

Silicon Dioxide (SiO_2) -- about 73.0%,

Aluminum Oxide (Al_2O_3) and

other oxides and trace minerals each less than about 5.0%, the
formulation being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the
composition.

103. (currently amended) The composition of claim 102, the predominately
vitreous formulation being in a quantity greater than about 0.5% by weight of the
composition.

104. (currently amended) The composition of claim 102, the predominately
vitreous formulation being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75
microns.

105. (currently amended) The composition of claim 102 further comprising

a carrier for the predominately vitreous formulation.

106. (currently amended) The composition of claim 105, the carrier and the predominately vitreous formulation being in pellet form before dispersion within the composition.

107. (previously presented) The composition of claim 106, the formulation being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

108. (canceled)

109. (currently amended) An article of manufacture made from a composition comprising

a thermoplastic resin; and

a predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide uniformly dispersed throughout the composition, the aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition to improve flow in the formation of the article.

110. (currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim 109 the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being in a quantity greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

111. (currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim 109, the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

112. (currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim 109 further comprising

a carrier for the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide.

113. (currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim 112, the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being in pellet form with the carrier before dispersion within the composition.

114. (currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim 113, the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

115. (currently amended) A method for forming articles, comprising
selecting a thermoplastic resin;
dispersing a predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide uniformly throughout the selected thermoplastic resin to form a composition, the aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition to improve flow in the formation of the articles; and
forming articles by flowing the composition under elevated temperature and pressure.

116. (previously presented) The method of claim 115, the thermoplastic resin being selected from a group consisting of polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride,

polypropylene, polystyrene, polyethylene terephthalate, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polymethyl methacrylate, polyamide or polycarbonate.

117. (currently amended) The method of claim 115, the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being in a quantity of greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

118. (currently amended) The method of claim 115, the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

119. (currently amended) The method of claim 115, the predominately vitreous aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide is dispersed in pellet form with a carrier.

120. (currently amended) The method of claim 119, the aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide is dispersed in a predominant particle size range below about 75 microns.

121. (currently amended) The method of claim 115, the aluminosilicate material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide dispersed being naturally occurring.

122. (currently amended) A composition for the formation of articles, comprising

a thermoplastic resin; and

a predominately vitreous material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide uniformly dispersed throughout the composition, the material being in a

quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition to improve flow in the formation of the articles.

123. (currently amended) The composition of claim 122 therein the predominately vitreous material is in a quantity greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

124. (currently amended) The composition of claim 122 further comprising a carrier for the predominately vitreous material.

125. (currently amended) The composition of claim 124, the predominately vitreous material being in pellet form with the carrier before dispersion within the composition.

126. (currently amended) The composition of claim 122, the predominately vitreous material being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

127. (currently amended) The composition of claim 122, the predominately vitreous material being naturally occurring.

128. (canceled)